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NURSE ANESTHETIST

Characteristics of Work

This is highly professional and supervisory work involved in administering intravenous, spinal, and other anesthetics to render persons insensible to pain during surgical operations, deliveries, or other medical and dental procedures. The work involves positioning patients and administering prescribed anesthetics in accordance with standardized procedures, regulating flow of gases or injecting fluids intravenously or rectally; observing patient's reaction during anesthesia, periodically counting pulse and respiration, taking blood pressure and noting skin color and dilation of pupils; administering oxygen or initiating other emergency measures to prevent surgical shock or asphyxiation, or other adverse conditions. Incumbents in this classification work under the immediate professional supervision of a surgeon during the course of an operation and may exercise supervision over subordinate nurses.

Examples of Work

The following are examples of work performed for positions in this job class, and are not intended to reflect the essential functions of any one position. The essential functions of each individual position are determined and maintained by each individual agency.

Administers anesthesia for surgery with all types of agents.

Visits and checks on patients that stay in medical facility as post-surgery patients.

Reviews charts to see if all papers and permits are signed.

Reviews charts to determine if blood tests and urine examination are all right for surgery, and patient's condition is satisfactory.

Administers prescribed anesthetic in accordance with standard procedure, regulating flow of gases or injecting fluids intravenously or rectally.

Observes patient's reactions during anesthesia, periodically counting pulse and respiration, taking blood pressure, and noting skin color and dilation of pupils.

Consults with physicians on patient's condition during anesthesia.

Administers oxygen or initiates other emergency measures to prevent surgical shock, asphyxiation, or other adverse conditions.

Informs physicians of patient's condition during anesthesia.

Records patient's preoperative, operative and postoperative condition, anesthetic and medications administered, and related data.

Supervises and directs subordinates in the administering of anesthesia to patients.

Related or similar duties are performed as required or assigned.

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Minimum Requirements

Graduation from an accredited school of Nursing and completion of an accredited school of Anesthesiology, and registration as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).

Required Document: Applicant must attach a valid copy of his/her registration as a Certified

Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).